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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Notice Of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. 1.121) dated June 6, 2002 from July 6, 2002 to August 6, 2002.

It is noted that there was a substantial delay between the stamped date of the notice letter (June 6, 2002) and our actual receipt of the notice letter about one month later.

It is also that it took time to identify the error; the underlining of a reference to a co-pending U.S. Patent and a co-pending application. The substantive material, (i.e., the amended claims) appears to be in compliance with the regulations.

Please charge the fee for this Extension of Time and the Response to the Noncompliance Letter to the U.S. Army Materiel Command Patent Office deposit account number 19-2201 to cover any costs associated therewith. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this numbered deposit account.

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